Monthly Research Journal Entry

Weeks of October 3 & 31; December 5

Unlike the other assignments, this deliverable is to be submitted by email due to the requested cc to your research mentor.

Purpose of the Journal Entry

Around once a month, you are asked to submit a brief summary of your Research & Exhibition activities to me, the Honors Writing Fellow for this class, and your research mentor. The intent of this summary is to stay in sync with each other so that the “triad of support” for this class can be in the best possible position to help you.

Journal Entry Specifications

For uniformity and easy searching, follow these specifications when formulating your email:

- **Subject:** HNRS 2000 Research Journal Entry
- **cc:** The course instructor, the Honors Writing Fellow, and your research mentor for this class
- **Content:** (a) Summarize your Research & Exhibition activities for the preceding month, (b) State your plans for the coming month, and (c) Describe any hurdles that you foresee in the coming month, explicitly saying “No hurdles foreseen” if you don’t anticipate any issues coming up.

Provide the information in distinct bullets so that it is clear that you are addressing every item.

The items themselves need not be very long; a maximum of a few sentences each will suffice.

Qualities that we are looking for in your research activities include:

- Steady progress through the arc of the research process covered by this course (i.e., literature review; convergence on a specific research or creative inquiry; formulation and presentation of a proposal for this inquiry)

- Appropriate, quality interactions with your research mentor—should be enough to get proper guidance, but not too time-consuming for either of you

- Interaction with the Honors Writing Fellow as needed, based on assignments due and the assistance you need

The email format will facilitate responses from any of the recipients in case feedback or other information needs to be conveyed. Remember to choose **Reply All** if a response is to be seen by everyone on the email.